

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

Mr. Steve Reilly USA Today 7950 Jones Branch Drive McLean, Virginia 22108

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2016-008906) - Final Disposition Letter

Dear Mr. Reilly:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated July 15, 2016, seeking disclosure of "a list, or other record(s), setting forth the titles, identification numbers and issue dates of all final audit reports issued by the Office of Inspector General between January 1, 2011 and present, including any final audit reports which have not been disclosed to the public."

The Freedom of Information Act does not require agencies to create records in response to requests. However, the information you are requesting for final audit reports issued by our office, including titles, report identification numbers and issue dates, is publicly available and can be found within the OIG Semiannual Reports to Congress which are posted to our website at https://www.epa.gov/office-inspector-general/semiannual-reports-congress. Appendix 1 of each report contains lists of reports including all final audit reports issued by the EPA OIG for a given time period.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may appeal this decision to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460 or via email at oig_foia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and envelope should include the FOIA tracking number listed above and be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you make seek dispute resolution services from either the EPA FOIA Public Liaison (hq.foia@epa.gov; 202-566-1667) or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS serves as a bridge between FOIA requesters and agencies and can be reached by email at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 1-877-684-6448, or by fax at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, EPA OIG FOIA Officer, at (202) 566-1512 or oig_foia@epa.gov.

Sincerely.

Susan Barvenik Associate Counsel